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RE: Complaint to EPA Concerning Contamination of Garcia Hill Well

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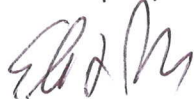
Mr. Hunker,

Thank you for the courtesy that you afforded me in the past. I am requesting all information and analysis that EPA has concerning my complaint on the water well contamination of the Garcia Hill drinking water well in the Kingsville Dome Uranium Mining operation in Kleberg County, Texas. The complaint was filed via a registered letter to you on June 12, 2012. Please see the enclosed complaint.

Please consider this request for information under the Open Records Act and as the complainants right to know.

I know that you are deeply concerned with water quality and that you have done everything that you can to investigate this complaint. I would like to thank you in advance for your help. Please call me if you need additional information.

With respect,



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June 12, 2012

Mr. William Hunker, US. EPA
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Mr. Hunker,

I am sending you a packet of information because of my great concern that a plume of uranium and other mining contaminants have contaminated the Garcia Hill Well located in Kleberg County, Texas. The Garcia Hill well is located northwest of PAA 3 at the URI's Kingsville Dome operations and such well is within the ¼ mile area of interest around the exempted area and is known as "KVD Water W-24 Garcia Well" .

Please find enclosed the following:

1. Jordan Laboratories water quality on Garcia Well W-24 dated 06-18-1998
2. Exhibit E which has individual water well data on Garcia Well W-24 on 06-18-1998
3. Statement by Teo Saenz that PW9 in the "Survey of Uranium and Radon in Private Wells in Kleberg County" is Garcia Well W-24
4. The Survey of Uranium and Radon in Private Wells in Kleberg County by Yaneth Gamboa, Waldy Fernandez, and Dr. Lee Clapp
5. GPS Coordinates of water Wells in Kleberg County around URI used as drinking water sources
6. Complete water well data tested by Waldy Fernandez, et. Al, of the Texas A& M University and notes as well PW9 (Garcia Well W-24) in the study referenced in item 4.
7. Kleberg Town and Improvement Company map.
8. Re-evaluation of effect of KVD Mine on Water Quality of Garcia Wells 24 and 25 by George Rice.

Please note that the water sample on Item 1 above dated July 17, 1998 had a uranium level of 152 mcg/liter for Garcia Well w-24. Look at the Texas A & M study (item 4) conducted in Spring 2010 and you will see where the uranium level on PW 9 (Garcia Well W-24) had gone up to 770.75 ug/l. Please see the Re-Evaluation of Effect of KVD Mine on Water Quality of Garcia Wells 24 and 25 by George Rice and you will notice Uranium Excursions of 5 monitor wells.

I can go into a very lengthy discussion about what has occurred but that is already obvious.

I am requesting the following:

- a. THAT EPA TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO RETEST GARCIA WELL W-24 AND ALSO IMMEDIATELY TEST 3 WELLS NEXT TO THE GARCIA WELL W-24 WHO'S OWNERS ARE NOTED AS OLIVERO HINOJOSA, Tomas Garza, and Ferman Garza. I believe that protecting the health of citizens of Kleberg County who live and drink the water around URI's Kingsville Dome is within EPS's mandate and mission.
- b. That EPA request the Well log for Garcia Well W-24 which URI drilled for the Garcia Family from URI.
- c. That EPA look at the pump tests conducted on PAA 3 which demonstrates communication with Garcia well w-24.
- d. That EPA conduct an ongoing program to monitor water wells around the uranium mining exempted area.
- e. That steps are taken to prevent this from happening again somewhere else (Goliad and New Mexico as examples)
- f. To suspend the Aquafor Exemption granted URI's Kingsville Dome project pending a full investigation by EPA.

I have a lot of faith that our United States EPA will carry out its mission and I truly believe that you will act accordingly to protect persons affected. Please call if you need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Teo Saenz